

# Advisory Bid and Commodity Committee

Important information for Montana School Food Service Personnel

The Advisory Bid & Commodity Committee was initiated in the fall of 2002. The Committee is the voice of Montana school food service in decisions regarding the items offered in the Food Distribution Program and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Cooperative Purchase Program.

Committee members have a significant impact on:

- Types of foods offered through Food Distribution Program (USDA Foods);
- Processing of USDA Foods (examples include hamburger formed into patties, or chicken formed and breaded for nuggets);
- Specifications and types of foods offered through the Cooperative Purchase Program; and
- Delivery schedules and/or frequency of deliveries for both USDA Foods and Cooperative Purchase Program foods.



The goal of the Committee is to assess the Food Distribution and Cooperative Purchase Programs and provide feedback to the program coordinators on ways to improve the programs. Both programs strive to provide a variety of nutritious foods that fulfill the needs of Montana's students. The committee is also charged with communicating the needs of school food services in Montana to the state office.

The Committee meets in three regional locations; Miles City, Great Falls, and Missoula, and is composed of approximately 12 members in each region. Each regional committee meets twice a year (in the fall and spring); and then together at the annual school food service conference in June.

The Committee invites food service personnel from each of the three regions to participate! If you are interested, please fill out and return the attached form, or contact:

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## Advisory Bid & Commodity Committee Member Application

Check (✓) one:

I am interested in learning more about serving on the committee.

I am interested in serving on the committee. *I understand that my commitment includes attendance at the two regional meetings (spring and fall) and one meeting at the annual school food service conference in June. I understand that my dedication to communication and cooperation is essential for the success of this committee.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Term Desired:

2 years

3 years

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your application! We appreciate your interest in school food service in Montana and will contact you as soon as we receive your application.

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